

SUSD Sex Ed Advisory Committee

October 2, 2024

Welcome!



Getting Started:

- Call to Order
- Reminder – Materials are Accessible:

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Our District

District Committees

Standing Committees

Sex Ed/HGD Advisory Committee



Roll Call: Getting Started on the Right Foot



Name and Role

**Best Quarter 1/“Fall” Experience -
- So Far... 😊**

Approval of Agenda



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NOTICE and AGENDA
Sex Education Advisory Committee
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

Date: October 2, 2024 Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Sex Education Advisory Committee and to the general public that on **Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** at the **Mohave District Annex**, 8500 E Jackrabbit Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, the Sex Education Advisory Committee will hold a meeting. One or more members of the Committee and non-member participants may participate in the meeting in-person or by internet conferencing. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations by contacting Ms. Susan Aguayo, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant to Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Accommodations should be requested two working days prior to the meeting to allow time for the District to make arrangements for the accommodation.

The Agenda for the meeting is:

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order and Reminder: Materials for Meeting Are Accessible on SUSD's Website
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda – **Action**
5. Approval of June 10, 2024 Minutes – **Action**
6. Brief Review Committee Norms
7. Review and Discussion: Organization of Materials/Course of Study - 60 Day Review Period
8. Review and Discussion: 60 Day Review Period
 - Review presentations shared at 1st and 2nd Public Hearings
 - Review feedback received from Public and Responses to that Feedback
9. Review and Discussion: Second Read at Governing Board meeting – tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2024.
10. Review and Discussion: Next Steps after Second Read
11. Adjournment

SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AT THE SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MOHAVE DISTRICT ANNEX, 8500 E. JACKRABBIT ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250-6768.

Date Posted: September 18, 2024

[Link](#) to
Committee
Hub Page

Review and Approval of Minutes



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MINUTES OF SUSD Sex Ed Advisory Committee
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
SUSD Mohave District Annex 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Date: June 10, 2024 Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Attendance

Committee Members Present:

- In Person: Dr. Karen Benson, Joe Olney, Colleen Abrams, Leslie Sharp, Shannon Wall, Amy Carney, Julie Cieniarowski.
- Participated via Teams: Susan Leonard, Dr. Kaveh Najafi, Renee Tosto, Steve Strzyk
- Not in attendance: Ashley Katikos, Dr. Elizabeth Schmied

Supporting team members in attendance: Michelle Irvin, Susan Aguayo

1. Welcome

- Dr. Karen Benson welcomed everyone back to the sixth and final meeting of the year – and reminded all that the materials for the meeting are accessible on SUSD’s website on the Committee Hub.

2. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

3. Roll call

- Committee members introduced themselves again by name and were asked to respond to their best summer experience so far, as a team builder.

4. Approval of Agenda

- **Action** – Leslie Sharp motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Colleen Abrams. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

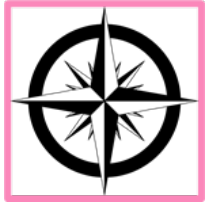
To the best of our ability...

From AG handbook:

“though the minutes **do not need to be a verbatim transcript of the meeting to satisfy this requirement, they must summarize the discussion, including the topics addressed, and identify all speakers who participated in the discussion, including members of the public body.**”

[Link](#) to Committee Hub Page

Norms to Guide Committee



We will:

- Be fully present.
- Practice being open minded and listening to understand.
- Invite and welcome the contributions of every member – being mindful of how often and how long we speak to ensure all voices are heard.
- Ask questions for clarification.
- Respect one another and maintain a collegial, friendly atmosphere.
- Identify issues that can be decided upon by consensus, and establish consensus by “determining the will of the group.”
- Support the group's recommendation after consensus is reached.

Questions and challenges are welcomed. Negative remarks targeting individuals are not in keeping with the core value established in SUSD and will not be allowed during committee meetings.

Review and Discussion: Organization of Materials/Course of Study (for 60 Day Review Period)



Reminder: Course of Study and Resources to Support Course of Study are available for public review – MDA lobby.

Introduction: SUSD Growth and Development/See Ed Proposed Course of Study and Recommended Instructional Materials August 2024

The SUSD Growth and Development/See Education Proposed Course of Study was developed by the SUSD Sex Ed Advisory Committee in compliance with all AZ and SUSD Legal Authority during the second semester of the 23-24 SY.

The Proposed Course of Study includes 2 – 5 [typical](#) lessons at grades 5, 7 and 9.

Reminder: A.R.S. 15-102 states that student participation in sex ed curricula is prohibited unless a student's parent/guardian provides written permission for participation. Pending Board approval, student participation will be determined by parental "opt in" only.

A 60-day public review period is required for any proposed sex ed course of study prior to Governing Board consideration for approval. The SUSD Proposed Course of Study can be reviewed at the Muhave District Awaas from **August 15 - October 15, 2024**. Details include:

Location: Muhave District Awaas, 8500 S Jackson St, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Dates: August 15 - October 15, 2024

Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm SUSD school days

Additional Hours: Tuesdays (August 20, September 10, October 1) - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Extended hours are available upon request with advanced notice. To schedule a time to review outside of hours indicated please contact Christina Diaz at cdiaz@susd.org.

The SUSD Proposed Course of Study is organized into two parts:

- Comprehensive Proposed Course of Study** recommended by the Sex Ed Advisory Committee, including Purpose, Legal Authority regarding the Course of Study, and Proposed Lesson Content for grade levels included in the course of study (5, 7 and 9).
- Recommended Curricular/Instructional Materials** to Support the Proposed Course of Study organized by grade-level (5, 7, and 9). Teacher tools and leader guides from Choosing the Best, the vendor recommended as the primary instructional material at each of the grade levels, are included in this section.

Note: R7-2-303 (AZ Admin Code - SBCE) indicates that sex education shall be ungraded/abstract include homework, not include tests, psychological inventories, surveys, or examinations about student's or parent's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, values or religion, and not rely on or reward any evaluations administered for the purpose of self-assessment. Accordingly, student workbooks will not be purchased in SUSD's Proposed Course of Study at any of the grade levels. Activities and questions included in Choosing the Best will be completed at the class level - and student responses will not be recorded.

Details of the work of the Sex Ed Advisory Committee can be accessed at the following links:

- [Summary of Committee Work \(Opening Board 8 Memo June 2024\)](#)
- [SUSD Committee Work - Advisory Committee](#)

Grade 5

Materials for the proposed Course of Study can be accessed in the following links highlighted in gray or in the portal provided by Choosing the Best.

Proposed Content Identified by Advisory Committee - Key Areas	Curricular Resource/Lesson Content
Growth and Development	Choosing the Best - Introduction to Puberty and Reproductive Anatomy Available for review in the CTR portal: 5th Grade Program for Boys - Draft 5th Grade Program for Girls - Draft 5th Grade Puberty Teacher Tool - For Boys Draft 5th Grade Puberty Teacher Tool - For Girls Draft Note: This August, Choosing the Best presented the content in the Teacher Tool for boys and girls - for the recommendation of the Advisory Committee. Pending Board approval, the drafts will be finalized for SUSD. YouTube Video - Consent Exit Kiosk

Grade 7

Materials for the proposed Course of Study can be accessed in the following links highlighted in gray or in the portal provided by Choosing the Best.

Proposed Content Identified by Advisory Committee - Key Areas	Curricular Resource/Lesson Content
Puberty/Growth and Development	Choosing the Best - 2 Main Resources

Review and Discussion: 60 Day Review Period

1. Review Presentations Shared at 1st and 2nd Public Hearings
2. Review feedback received from Public and Responses to that Feedback

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SUSD Proposed Sex Ed/HGD Course of Study

Public Hearing
August 20, 2024



**Partnering with
Parents/Staff/Community**
Proposed Course of Study is
available for Review/Comment at
MDA

Pending Board Approval – 2nd Read (October 2024) Course of Study will provide SUSD parents with a choice to “opt in” student(s) to age-appropriate lessons and information at grades 5, 7 and 9 – promoting positive body images, health-enhancing behaviors and risk avoidance.

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[1st Public Hearing -- Link](#)

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SUSD Proposed Sex Ed/HGD Course of Study

2nd Public Hearing
October 1, 2024



**Partnering with
Parents/Staff/Community**
Proposed Course of Study continues
to be available for Review/Comment
at MDA.

Pending Board Approval (Agenda Item, October 22) Course of Study will provide SUSD parents with a choice to “opt in” student(s) to age-appropriate lessons and information at grades 5, 7 and 9 – promoting positive body images, health-enhancing behaviors and risk avoidance.

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[2nd Public Hearing -- Link](#)

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Public Review/Community -- Feedback



60 day public review & comment:
August 15 – October 15
CTB & Proposed Course of Study

- 4 Community Members reviewed at MDA
- 3 shared written feedback

Summary of Suggestions/Feedback:

- Request for introduction to video at grade 5
- Request to create slide deck to share additional content at grades 7 and 9
- Question on content included in appendix – CTB
- Request for clarification on bullying content at grade 5
- Notification QR code wasn't working on posters in C.O.S.
- Clarification on student workbooks available from CTB
- Clarification on use of "draft" at grade 5 and "finished product" at grades 7 and 9
- Request to remind/share content with principals
- Clarification on boys and girls separated for instruction
- Questions on structure of public hearing

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[Slide 4: 2nd Public Hearing -- Link](#)

Two Suggestions:

Intro to Video – Grade 5
[Draft Link](#)

Reorganizing “Required Content” – Grades 7 and 9



Review and Discussion: “Second Read” – Gov. Board Tentatively Scheduled – October 22, 2024



Reminder: Details of the work/progress of the SUSD Sex Ed/HGD Advisory Committee can be found on Committee Hub on SUSD website & [Linked here.](#)

Advisory Committee Meeting:

October 2

60 Day Public Review:

August 15 – October 15

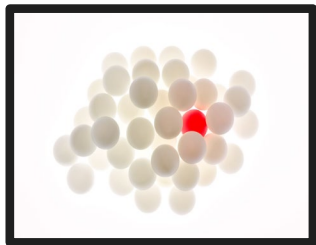
Governing Board Meeting:

October 22, 2024 – Action Item

**NEXT
STEPS**

Review and Discussion:

Next Steps After 2nd Read/Action Item



Questions?
Insights?

- KB/Committee Chair will email Committee of any Action
- **Pending Board Approval:**
 - Committee Chair -- communicate with all stakeholders
 - Confirm timeline to package up and post lessons with CTB.
 - Coordinate “systems” for posting with SUSD team members.
 - Confirm schedules and final details with site and district leaders, nurses, and teachers.
 - Schedule training for facilitators at each level (CTB)
- **Possible Committee Meeting – Spring 2025**

Adjourn

Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

-- V. Lombardi



Thank You!